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# H. R. 9263

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to report on the impact of major rules on inflation and gross domestic product, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 3, 2022

Mr. CLYDE (for himself, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, and Mr. COMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Expose Biden’s Infla-  
5       tion, Deficits, and Economic Neglect Act of 2022” or the  
6       “Expose BIDEN Act”.

1   **SEC. 2. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON IMPACT OF**  
2                   **MAJOR RULES ON INFLATION AND GROSS**  
3                   **DOMESTIC PRODUCT.**

4       (a) REVIEW.—

5               (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date de-  
6               scribed under paragraph (2), the Comptroller Gen-  
7               eral of the United States shall review each major  
8               rule to determine the impact of each such rule on  
9               the economy of the United States, including—

10              (A) the impact of each such rule on—

11                  (i) inflation in the United States; and  
12                  (ii) the gross domestic product of the  
13               United States; and

14              (B) whether any such rule contributed  
15               to—

16                  (i) an increase in inflation in the  
17               United States; or

18                  (ii) a decline in the gross domestic  
19               product of the United States.

20              (2) TIMING OF REVIEW.—The Comptroller Gen-  
21               eral shall begin conducting the review required by  
22               paragraph (1) on—

23                  (A) the effective date, if the Director has  
24               issued two consecutive reports on the gross do-  
25               mestic product of the United States indicating

1           a decline in such gross domestic product in the  
2           two quarters preceding the effective date; or

3           (B) if the Director has not issued two con-  
4           secutive reports on the gross domestic product  
5           of the United States indicating a decline in  
6           such gross domestic product in the two quarters  
7           preceding the effective date, whichever occurs  
8           first after the effective date:

9                 (i) The first date on which the Direc-  
10              tor determines that the gross domestic  
11              product of the United States declined in  
12              the two quarters preceding such date.

13                 (ii) The publication date of the first  
14              monthly report published by the Bureau of  
15              Labor Statistics that shows an increase of  
16              5 percent or greater in the Consumer Price  
17              Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)  
18              over a 12-month period.

19           (b) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date  
20           on which the Comptroller General begins conducting the  
21           review required by subsection (a), the Comptroller General  
22           shall submit to the President, Committee on Oversight and  
23           Reform of the House of Representatives, and the Com-  
24           mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
25           of the Senate a report on such review that includes—

1                             (1) a description of any impact of such rules

2                             on—

3                                 (A) inflation in the United States; and

4                                 (B) the gross domestic product of the  
5                                 United States; and

6                             (2) an identification of any such rule that the  
7                                 Comptroller General determines contributed to—

8                                 (A) an increase in inflation in the United  
9                                 States; or

10                                 (B) a decline in the gross domestic product  
11                                 of the United States.

12                             (c) SUSPENSION OF ENFORCEMENT AND PROMULGA-  
13                                 TIONS OF MAJOR RULES DURING PREPARATION OF RE-  
14                                 PORT.—During the period in which the Comptroller Gen-  
15                                 eral is preparing the report required by subsection (b)—

16                                 (1) no major rule may be enforced; and

17                                 (2) no major rule may be promulgated.

18                             (d) RESCISSION AND PROMULGATION OF RULES  
19                                 THAT CONTRIBUTE TO DECLINE IN GDP AND INFILA-  
20                                 TION.—

21                                 (1) RESCISSION OF RULES.—Following the sub-  
22                                 mission of the report under subsection (b), the head  
23                                 of each relevant Federal agency shall permanently  
24                                 rescind any rule identified in the report as being  
25                                 shown to have contributed to—

1                             (A) an increase in inflation in the United  
2                             States; or

3                             (B) a decline in the gross domestic product  
4                             of the United States.

5                             (2) REPLACEMENT RULES.—The head of a  
6                             Federal agency may not promulgate a rule to replace  
7                             a rule rescinded under paragraph (1) before the sun-  
8                             set date unless such head demonstrates to the  
9                             Comptroller General of the United States that such  
10                            rule will not contribute to—

11                            (A) an increase in inflation in the United  
12                            States; or

13                            (B) a decline in the gross domestic product  
14                            of the United States.

15                             (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16                             (1) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means  
17                             the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Di-  
18                             rector of the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

19                             (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The term “effective  
20                             date” means the date of the enactment of this Act.

21                             (3) MAJOR RULE.—The term “major rule” has  
22                             the meaning given the term in section 804 of title  
23                             5, United States Code, except that such term does  
24                             not include any rule issued before 12:00 p.m., Janu-  
25                             ary 20, 2021.

1                             (4) SUNSET DATE.—The term “sunset date”  
2                             means the date that is three months after the first  
3                             date after the effective date on which—  
4                                 (A) the Director issues a report indicating  
5                             that the gross domestic product of the United  
6                             States has—  
7                                     (i) increased in the two consecutive  
8                             quarters preceding the date on which the  
9                             Director issues the report; and  
10                                     (ii) met or exceeded the gross domes-  
11                             tic product for the quarter preceding such  
12                             two consecutive quarters; and  
13                                 (B) the Bureau of Labor Statistics pub-  
14                             lishes a monthly report that shows an increase  
15                             of 2.5 percent or less in the Consumer Price  
16                             Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI–U) over  
17                             a 12-month period.

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